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SUBJ: SINALOAN, ANTONIO TOLEDO CORRO, APPOINTED NEW SECRETARY
OF AGRARIAN REFORM

1. APPOINTMENT OF ANTONIO TOLEDO CORRO, THE SECOND SINALOWN
TO HOLD A CABINET POSITION IN THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY, AS
SECRETARY OF AGRARIAN REFORM PLEASEF BOTH SINALOAN PRESS
AND PUBLIC. MOST COMMENT WAS FAVORABLE, AND IT WAS PREDICTED
HE WOULD SOLVE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF LAND TENANCY.

2. BORN IN ESCUINAPA, SINALOA, APRIL 1, 1919, TOLEDO CORRO
ULTIMATELY WAS FEDERAL DEPUTY FOR MAZATLAN. HE IS ALSO A
FARMER AND LARGE LAND-OWNER IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE
STATE, WHOSE PILOT PROJECT IN PLANTING LARGE AREAS
OF SOUTHERN SINALOA WITH COCONUT PALMS, RECENTLY RATED A
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THE STATE. HE IS ALSO THE LOCAL
JOHN DEERE REPRESENTATIVE. AMONG HIS PUBLIC SERVICE
POSITIONS, HE WAS MAYOR OF MAZATLAN FROM 1960-62. HE IS
CONSIDERED A LEADER WITH AN OUTSTANDING KNOWLEDGE OF
AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS AND IS KNOWN AS AN EXCELLENT ADMINIS-
TRATOR.

3. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, TOLEDO CORRO HAS BEEN
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CONSIDERED FOR SOMETIME A LIKELY SUCCESSOR TO GOVERNOR
CALDERON. SPECULATION IS RIFE THAT THE PRESENT APPOINTMENT
IS THE SUPREME TEST WHICH WILL EITHER MAKE OR BREAK HIM.
ONE NEWS COLUMNIST REPORTED THAT WHEN HE ASKED THE GOVERNOR
IF TOLEDO CORRO'S APPOINTMENT WOULD BENEFIT THE STATE, THE
GOVERNOR TERSELY REPLIED, "TIME WILL TELL".

4. MAZATLAN'S POPULAR WRITER-PHILOSOPHER ANTONIO HASS,
SIZED UP THE APPOINTMENT WITH, "FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY,
MEXICO'S AGRARIAN REFORM WILL BE DIRECTED BY A LEADER WHO
DID NOT ASSUME HIS POST THROUGH STERILE BUREAUCRACY. HE
IS A MAN WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE BAPTISM OF FIRE.....
IF ANYONE CAN DOMINATE THE SRA, IT IS ANTONIO".

FYI: TOLEDO CORRO HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT CONSULATE CONTACT
WHO HAS PAID COURTESY CALLS AT THE RESIDENCE.
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